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Monthly News & Updates



Cummings Foundation awards ABCD \$100,000 to expand ESOL program, meet community needs

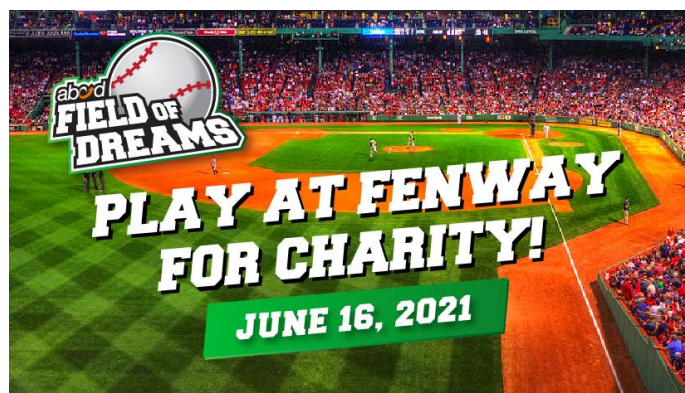
Acknowledging ABCD's "important, impactful work," the Cummings Foundation has awarded the anti-poverty organization a generous three-year **\$100,000 grant** to expand its Adult ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) program. ABCD will establish an ESOL Summer Academy, providing the opportunity for students to continue their learning year-round.

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With COVID restrictions lifted, ABCD Field of Dreams is back!

When the pandemic hit in 2020, ABCD shifted into high gear to meet the community's escalating needs just as most everything else shut down. Including Fenway Park. For the first time in 22 years, ABCD's iconic fundraising event, Field of Dreams, was canceled.

[But 2021 is a different story: Field of Dreams is back!](#)



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ABCD SummerWorks and you can support Boston youth

Paid jobs, mentoring, and school prep after a devastating year

ABCD SummerWorks is joining forces with newly sworn-in Acting Mayor Kim Janey, the City of Boston, and more than 100 employer partners to help underserved youngsters, particularly those who have faced isolation and hardship brought on by the pandemic.



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Talent-matching and job search success: from layoff to dream job

The [2020 ABCD Annual Report](#) featured a story about Rachel Carle, a Danvers resident who was laid off in the early days of the pandemic. A senior director with a booming Cambridge company, she was 30 years into a satisfying career when suddenly everything changed.

*“When I lost my job, I didn’t know where to turn. I was panicking, afraid my husband and I would lose our house and everything we had worked for. All that changed when I connected with the **Metro North Career Center**,” Rachel said.*



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NEED HELP WITH
FOOD, RENT OR OTHER BILLS?
HAVE YOU LOST INCOME
DUE TO COVID-19?

**CONTACT
ABCD CONNECT**

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abcdconnect@bostonabcd.org

Do you have any hardships caused by the pandemic?

If you or someone you know needs urgent help, [ABCD Connect](#) is here to help.

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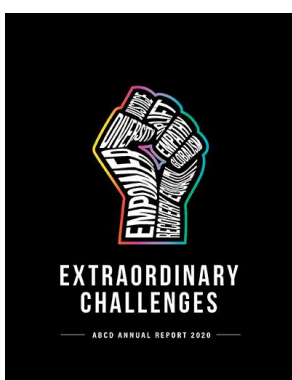
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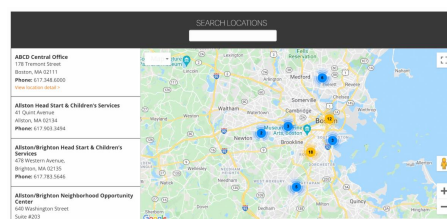
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Having trouble paying rent?

Do you live in or want to move to Malden? Need help with rent? ABCD, in partnership with the City of Malden and the Malden Community Preservation Committee, introduces Malden Start Secure, a program that can help pay first and last month’s rent. ABCD also offers rental assistance to residents of Boston and Medford. Learn more at bostonabcd.org/relief.



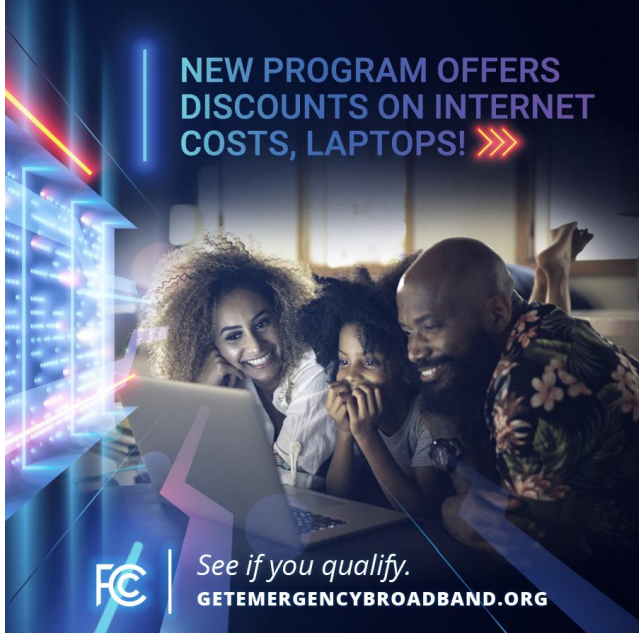
In case you missed it, download the [ABCD 2020 Annual Report](#), “Extraordinary Challenges.”



Know your ABCDs! Chances are we’re in your neighborhood. And we’re ready to help. Find a list of our locations on our homepage, bostonabcd.org.

Helpful Resources

The pandemic made clear that millions of people don’t have access to or can’t afford high speed internet. For many, laptops or tablets are also out of reach. These are essential resources, which is why the FCC



(Federal Communications Commission) has launched the **Emergency Broadband Benefit**.

The program offers **up to \$50/month** discount for broadband services and a one-time discount of **up to \$100** for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider. See if you're eligible! Visit [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](https://www.fcc.gov/eligibility).

Looking for information about COVID-19 vaccination?

Find helpful information at mass.gov/info-details/trust-the-facts-get-the-vax and watch for [Covid-19 Vaccine Information updates](#) on the ABCD website, and follow ABCD on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#) for a vaccination days at ABCD's Thelma D. Burns building!

Recommended Reading: ABCD's Work in Context

"Emergency Broadband Benefit: FCC Launches New COVID Relief Initiative"

NBC Boston

"Preschool's 'Sleeper Effect' on Later Life"

The Wall Street Journal

"88% of Children Covered by Monthly Payments Starting in July"

The Boston Herald

Give Today.

The ABCD COVID-19 Relief Fund supports individuals and families with urgent needs for food, baby formula, diapers and wipes, cleaning supplies, rental assistance, transportation and more. We hope you will consider making a donation today so that ABCD can continue and expand this essential work.

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